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Letter dated 10 May 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter addressed to you from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring this communication to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex

Letter dated 9 May 2006 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency addressed to the President of the Security Council

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In paragraph 16 of Security Council resolution 1051 (1996), the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was requested to submit consolidated progress reports every six months to the Council, commencing on 11 April 1996, on the verification activities of IAEA in Iraq pursuant to paragraphs 12 and 13 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and related resolutions.

Since 17 March 2003, IAEA has not been in a position to implement its mandate in Iraq under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and related resolutions.

The number of IAEA staff assigned to follow the situation in Iraq is being maintained at a minimum level, reflecting the current level of headquarters activities being implemented pursuant to the relevant Security Council resolutions.

During the period covered by this report, IAEA has further developed its archive system for the storage and retrieval of information collected and generated by IAEA in the course of its activities in Iraq. Satellite imagery of the most significant sites continues to be collected and assessed.

States may recall that items listed in annex 3 of the IAEA ongoing monitoring and verification plan (see S/2001/561) are to be reported to IAEA both by Iraq and by States that either export to or import from Iraq such items, in accordance with the export-import mechanism approved by the Security Council in resolution 1051 (1996). Pursuant to the ongoing monitoring and verification plan, Iraq is expected to declare semi-annually changes that have occurred or are foreseen at sites deemed relevant by IAEA. During the past six months, no reports have been received by IAEA from Iraq or other States in this regard.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter to be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohamed **ElBaradei**